

REMARKS

Applicants hereby request further consideration of the application in view of the amendments above and the comments that follow.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, **Group I, Claims 1-28 and Claims 75-101**. Accordingly, Claims 29-74 have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any matters outstanding of resolution, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for expeditious handling.

Respectfully submitted,



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